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Health bill condemned by pro-lifers

WASHINGTON (BP and local reports) — The U.S. House of Representatives passed a controversial health-care bill March 21, deeply disappointing pro-life Americans who hoped a small group of Democrats would block legislation they say will permit federal funding of abortion and likely increase the rate of the procedure.

Mississippi Congressmen Travis Childers and Gene Taylor, both Democrats, voted against the bill along with Republican Gregg Harper. Democrat Bennie Thompson voted in favor of the legislation.

Childers is a member of East Booneville Church, Booneville. Harper is a member of Crossgates Church, Brandon. Taylor is Catholic and Thompson is Methodist.

In announcing his opposition prior to the vote, Childers said, "I have reviewed the bill and I remain deeply concerned about the legislation's large price tag and the absence of sufficiently strong language to prohibit federal funding of abortion."

"While I voted against the last House health care reform bill, I supported the Stupak

Amendment to prevent taxpayer dollars from being used to fund abortion. The current legislation lacks equally strong language.

Also prior to the vote, Harper said, "Democratic leaders in Congress say their bill will reduce the deficit. That's not true. This flawed legislation will raise taxes over a half-trillion dollars during one of the toughest economic downturns in American history."

"Raising taxes, cutting Medicare and creating a new entitlement program is not health care reform."

"Taxpayers cannot afford a new federal health insurance program," Taylor said before casting his vote. "I do not support creating a whole new health care program, but I do support smaller reforms to make the current system more effective for taxpayers and consumers."

Thompson did not respond to a request for comment from The Baptist Record. In addition, a "Connection Refused" message was transmitted from Thompson's official web site to The Baptist Record when a second request was attempted on the morning of March 23.

With only Democrats voting in favor, the House approved a U.S. Senate version of health-care reform in a 219-212 vote late in the

night. Thirty-four Democrats joined all 178 Republicans in voting against the measure.

Among Southern Baptists serving in the House, only Al Green of Texas voted in favor of the measure.

The Democrats followed passage of the Senate bill by turning back a Republican procedural move that would

Pro-life advocates inside and outside the House, however, denied the Senate bill prohibits taxpayer support for abortion and rejected the proposed executive order as ineffective. They pointed out the president could rescind his order at any time and contended the federal courts would rule in favor of the language in the law, not in the executive order.

Some also expressed deep disappointment in Stupak.

Southern Baptist ethicist Richard Land, president of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, said pro-life Americans are rightly both chagrined and disillusioned with Stupak's action.

"Pro-lifers are justified in their apparently Stupak and his Democratic pro-life coalition that provided the margin of victory for ObamaCare," said Land. Stupak's "pathetic defense that President Obama's executive order sufficiently protects the unborn in this new legislation strains credulity. It's equivalent to saying that a bikini can cover the fat lady in the circus. The executive order is insufficient and does not carry the force of law equivalent to the legislation."

The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) said the pending Obama order "changes nothing. It does not correct any of the serious pro-abortion provisions in the bill. The president cannot amend a bill by issuing an order, and the federal courts will enforce what the law says."

The executive order also does not correct the newly passed bill's lack of protection for the conscience rights of pro-life health-care workers, according to NRLC.

Stupak and pro-life Republican Rep. Joseph Pitts of Pennsylvania faced off in floor debate after the House approved the Senate-passed legislation. They had worked together in November to sponsor an amendment that barred federal funds from being used to pay for abortions or to subsidize abortion coverage.

The House approved that pro-life amendment, which enabled passage of the overall bill last year. The Senate, however, refused to include the Stupak-Pitts

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PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT OF 2010 (H.R. 3590)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FINAL VOTE: 219-212



Travis Childers
First Congressional District

No



Bennie Thompson
Second Congressional District

Yes



Gregg Harper
Third Congressional District

No



Gene Taylor
Fourth Congressional District

No

have included the insertion of pro-life language and by approving a reconciliation bill that incorporated "fixes" to the legislation they had just passed.

U.S. President Barack Obama signed the Senate bill into law on March 23. The Senate still must approve the reconciliation measure, which, if changed, will return to the House for approval before going to the president.

The clinching votes for the massive health-care measure, which is expected to cost — when combined with the reconciliation bill — \$940 billion over 10 years, were assured earlier in the day. It was announced Michigan Rep. Bart Stupak, who had led the pro-life Democrats' effort to prevent abortion funding in the bill, and six allies, according to The Washington Post, agreed to a proposed executive order to be issued by Obama after he signs the bill.

The Senate bill "maintains current law," but the pending order "provides additional safeguards to ensure" the longstanding ban on federal funding of abortion is enforced, the White House said. Stupak said in a written release the order "upholds the principle that federal funds should not be used to subsidize abortion coverage."

Serious accident doesn't deter missionary

BLACKFOOT, Id. (Special) — North American Mission Board (NAMB) missionary Jim Ballard, all 243 pounds of him, lay sprawled in agonizing pain on a snow-covered dirt trail high in the mountains of the Salmon National Forest in eastern Idaho.

Four of his ribs and a vertebra were fractured, and his sternum was cracked. His lung punctured, Ballard was spitting up pink, foamy blood, which dotted his full salt-and-pepper beard.

Ballard prayed to God and thought of Myrtle, his new wife, who was back at their recreational vehicle campsite some 10 miles away. The nearest main road was a mile or two away. Panic was creeping in like the big black crow that perched only 10 feet away, cawing and waiting for what it thought would be its inevitable Ballard "buffet."

"You're not getting my eyeballs just yet," Ballard yelled at the crow while whipping out his .45/.410 revolver and two boxes of shells. At least neither the crows nor the wolves would get 'ol Jim that day without a fight.

Several hours earlier that day — Oct. 17, 2008 — Ballard's final day of elk hunting had started before sun-up, when he told Myrtle he'd be hunting all day and after dark. After all, this would be the last day of his week-long, elk-hunting vacation. This day, his life would be altered forever when, at around 10 a.m., he chose to turn off a main road onto a trail that grew increasingly steeper as it snaked up the mountain.

"I recall stopping to put the four-wheeler into low range four-wheel drive and first gear," said Ballard. "I started up the trail and in a split second, I thought the front end seemed a bit light and that I should stand up and lean forward over the handle bars."

It was too late. The 750 lb. four-wheeler flipped up and over backwards, slamming Ballard back-first into the rocky, snow-frozen ground. The handlebars and speedometer crushed his chest on impact. He remembers the crushing, grinding sounds and the severe chest and neck pain that followed. His hunting rifle was immediately snapped into two pieces.

The four-wheeler rolled over and over until it finally disappeared out of view down the mountainside — but Ballard was not out of God's view.

"I prayed some more and in talking with God, I recalled the time I had accepted Christ. I was filled with an unusual peace that if I perished on that hillside, I would wake up in heaven. I also thanked him for blessing me with seven wonderful children, seven grandchildren, and for another one on the way. I also was blessed with Myrtle, my beautiful, special new wife."

Ballard was married to his first wife, Beverly, for 34 years prior to

her death in 2006.

A practical man, Ballard turned his attention to scrawling out his last will and testament on the inside of a split-open .410 shotgun shell box. Using a granola bar box, he scribbled out a final note telling anyone who found him unconscious or dead who to notify.

"I wanted to help my loved ones understand my love for them and that if I didn't make it, I was just fine in heaven with Jesus." He carefully placed his will in his camouflage shirt pocket and the letter where it would be found. He fell into a merciful sleep.

Ballard, 57, had spent 37 years in ministry. For the past seven, he had served as a NAMB missionary and director of missions for the Eastern Idaho Southern Baptist Association. The association is made up of 13 counties and surrounded by three states: Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

From his home in Blackfoot, Id., Ballard would put an average of 75,000-80,000 miles a year on his Ford Explorer or truck, handling the demands of his huge ministry territory. Grinding out 500-600 miles a day was not uncommon. Myrtle was his driving companion.

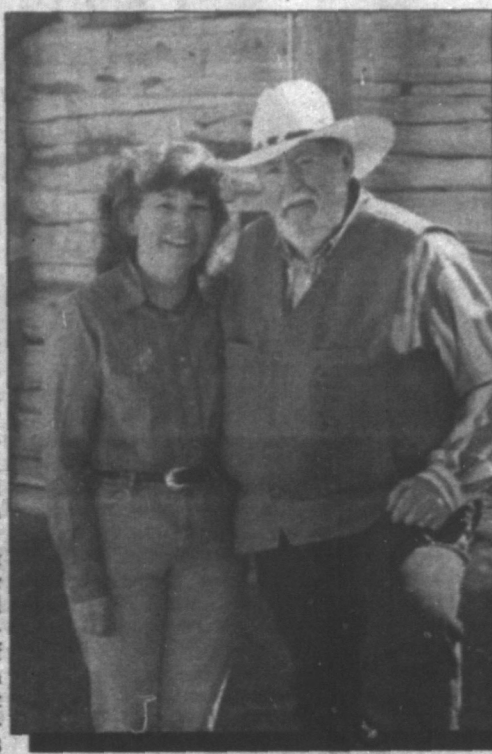
"Some people would call this work hard," he once said, referring to his ministry. "It's long miles and grueling work. It's also fulfilling but yet to me, with 90% of the people in eastern Idaho not knowing the Lord, we have the greatest opportunity on earth to take the Gospel of Jesus."

Ballard had said he believed a movement is afoot in the creation of cowboy churches in the West. "Even if the folks have a Mormon background, if we'll do a cowboy church in their setting, they'll come." They did.

A "cowboy" born in Pueblo, Co., Ballard grew up working long days on ranches and farms. "Westerners are very individual people but some of the finest people on earth. Morally, most of them are very sound. Cowboys believe in God because they see His creation outdoors," he said.

Because of ranchers' long hours and seven-day weeks, Ballard said Southern Baptist church planters must take their schedules into account when planting new churches and holding services.

"We have to find times that work for them," he said, explaining that the typical 11 a.m. worship service is out of the question if pastors expect cowboys, ranchers and farmers to show up. Typically, cowboy churches meet late on Sunday afternoons, when chores are done.



Myrtle and Jim Ballard

Ballard recently reported that his area's church planters had recorded three new church plants within the last three months. His vision was that every church and mission in his association would plant a church within the next five years, and then those plants would plant another one in the next five years — an increase from 11 to 56 churches in only 10 years.

On that cold October day on the side of a snowy Idaho mountain, God clearly indicated He was not yet ready for Jim Ballard — the long-time pastor, cowboy preacher, mentor, missionary, church planter, and elk hunter — to close up shop and report to heaven. God had more work for Jim to do.

Suddenly, Ballard woke up to the distant roar of an all-terrain vehicle motor. The ATV had stopped about 50 yards down the mountain trail, but close enough for Ballard to overhear the voices of two other hunters.

Knowing this was probably his last chance for help and

survival, Ballard quickly picked up his pistol and fired off a shot that echoed down the mountain. He took off his blaze-orange toboggan, hooked it over what was left of his rifle barrel, and waved it frantically until the two hunters below noticed him.

It was about 4:30 p.m. Almost seven hours had elapsed since the accident that morning.

When the two hunters reached him, Ballard told them he was hurt bad. One of the hunters, Jeff, replied, "This is your lucky day."

Thinking that if this was his lucky day he'd hate to see a real bad one, Ballard then learned Jeff and his hunting partner were emergency medical technicians and firemen from San Jose, Ca., who just also "happened" to be hunting elk in southeastern Idaho that particular October day.

They also knew how to contact search and rescue and Flight for Life, using a satellite phone at an inn 12 miles away.

Several hours later Ballard, with his broken ribs, sternum, back, and punctured lung, arrived alive at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula, Mt. Later, he would be transferred to a hospital in Idaho Falls, closer to his and Myrtle's home. Two-and-a-half months would pass before he would be completely healed.

"My entire story is amazing evidence of God's provision and grace," Ballard says today, fully recovered and back on the road planting churches, preaching, and encouraging other church planters in Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

Ballard is one of some 5,300 missionaries in the United States, Canada and their territories supported by the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) for North American Missions. The 2010 AAEO goal is \$70 million, 100% of which benefits missionaries like Jim and Myrtle Ballard.

Looking back

10 years ago

Jimmy Porter, pastor of First Church, McComb, is chosen to serve as the new executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission.

20 years ago

A mission building team from Highland Church, Vicksburg, travels to Iuka to help Southwood Church construct a sanctuary, classrooms, and restroom facilities. Southwood Church pastor James B. Brown says volunteers have done most of the construction at the church.

50 years ago

More than 600 Mississippians are expected to attend the 103rd session of the Southern Baptist Convention at Miami Beach May 17-20, with several of them on the program of the Convention or one of its related meetings.



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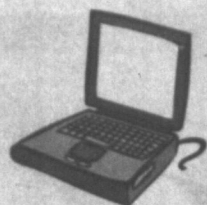
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"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)

If you make a decision for Jesus Christ today, contact a local Baptist church for spiritual guidance.



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Getting our own house in order

Say the word "missions" to Southern Baptists, and for most of us a vision springs to mind of some far-away place on the other side of the globe with strange-speaking people in stranger-still garb. We like to think of missions as a thrilling, Indiana Jones jungle adventure filled with breath-taking action and unforgettable experiences.

To be sure, there are Southern Baptist missionaries on the other side of the globe right now who are involved in situations almost as exotic as those fast-paced movies — and there are missionaries on the other side of the globe whose ministries are potentially much more dangerous than any movie could portray.

They certainly deserve our prayers and our sacrificial financial support, but they aren't the only ones. There are our North American missionaries — we called them "home missionaries" in the days of the old Home Mission Board — and their Kingdom ministries are just as important and just as much in need of our prayers

and support.

The two main ways Southern Baptists support North American missions are through our Cooperative Program gifts, a percentage of which goes to help fund the ministries of the North American Mission Board (NAMB) headquartered in metro Atlanta, and through the annual Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) for North American Missions.

The importance of "home" missions cannot be overemphasized. In the U.S., Canada, and their territories — focal areas of NAMB ministries — there are hundreds of millions of unbelievers. We Americans like to describe ourselves as a Christian nation, but it would appear that we've got plenty of work left to do in our own back yard.

The urgency of that work is underscored

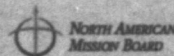
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by the numbers of zealous "missionaries" of other religions that are pouring into this country, in an effort to convert us to their way of life and religion. Unfortunately, they are making great inroads as their houses of worship spring up in neighborhoods all across the U.S. — including in Mississippi.

AAEO provides major funding for NAMB's two major thrusts in the U.S. and Canada: evangelism and church planting. NAMB missionaries minister to people's needs in more than 100 language groups in urban and rural settings, opening their arms to such diverse populations as seniors, the illiterate, non-English speakers, substance abusers, prison inmates and

their families, the disabled, migrants, and even vacationers, to name only a few.

There are currently over 5,300 missionaries supported by NAMB and its partners serving in the U.S., Canada, and their territories, backed by hundreds of thousands of volunteers each year. More than 2,600 NAMB-endorsed chaplains serve in the U.S. military, correctional facilities, hospitals, and corporate settings. All these workers see many thousands of professions of faith each year.

In addition, Southern Baptists have set a goal of starting more than 2,000 churches annually in the NAMB's geographical area of responsibility.

Even with these impressive numbers, however, we're falling behind population growth and the encroachment of competing religions at an alarming rate. It's time we caught up with the Lord and His Kingdom work.

One of the best ways we can do that is through giving to AAEO. The goal this year is \$70,000,000. Here's how the \$70,000,000 will be spent:

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Do we take seriously the words of our Lord and Savior when he asked us to go forth and witness to a lost world (Matthew 28:18-20)? We can begin doing that by praying for, getting personally involved in, and financially supporting Southern Baptists' North American mission effort.

Time may well be short. We should start right away. If we don't have our own house in order, how can we convince a lost world to get their houses in order? Think about it.

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language when it took up the House version.

Obama's promised executive order is "full of loopholes," Pitts said in urging passage of a motion to recommit the bill to a committee with instructions to include the Stupak-Pitts language.

"The Senate bill departs from long-standing current policy and achieves the exact opposite effect of current law, and an executive order promised by the president will not change these facts," Pitts said. "An executive order does not trump a statute, and the courts undoubtedly will look to the legislative text to interpret the law. Moreover, the promised order fails to even correct the egregious pro-life concerns contained in this bill... The abortion rate will rise, and more unborn lives will be lost."

With Democrats applauding him, Stupak spoke against the effort to recommit and to include the language he originally championed.

"The motion to recommit purports to be a right-to-life motion in the spirit of the Stupak amendment, but as the author of the Stupak amendment, this motion is nothing more than an opportunity to continue to deny 32 million Americans health care," Stupak said. "[T]his motion does not promote life... It is Democrats through the president's executive order that assure the sanctity of life is protected, because all life is precious and all life should be honored."

"For the unborn child, his or her mother will finally have pre- and post-natal care under our bill.... For the Republicans to now claim that we send the bill back to committee under the guise of protecting life is disingenuous. This motion really is to politicize life, not prioritize life."

Democratic Majority Leader Steny Hoyer of Maryland urged rejection of the Republicans' motion to recommit, saying the Senate would not support it and the GOP is "indirectly trying to kill this bill."

Democrats defeated the motion 232-199, with 21 members of their party joining the Republicans in support. The House then approved the reconciliation bill of amendments in a 220-211 roll call. This time, 33 Democrats voted with the GOP in opposition.

Pro-life advocates say the version approved by senators in December and by representatives March 21 could dramatically increase the number of abortions. It permits the funding of insurance plans that cover elective abortions, reversing a long-standing federal policy. Congress' own insurance plans, for example, cannot cover abortions. The bill requires that anyone who has a plan that covers abortion — even men and elderly women — must pay a separate fee to cover abortion, in addition to their premium.

The legislation also appropriates seven billion dollars to the country's 1,200-plus community health centers without stipulating the money cannot be used for

elective abortions, pro-life organizations say. Planned Parenthood, the country's largest abortion provider, supported the bill and argued it would "significantly increase access to reproductive health care."

During a press conference, Stupak said the executive order would ensure that federal dollars don't go toward funding elective abortions at community health centers. Stupak also said the order would strengthen conscience protections for health care workers.

A pair of pro-life organizations criticized his change of heart on the legislation. The Susan B. Anthony List announced it would no longer present him with a Defender of Life award it had planned to give him March 24. CatholicVote.com said it had rescinded its invitation for Stupak to speak at an April meeting.

Land said House passage of legislation disfavored by so many Americans would result in a "tsunami-size voter backlash."

What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the

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Matthew 10:27 NAS

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Clue: S = B

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: John One: Fifteen

GERM FARM

The other day I was visiting in a hospital and was taken back into one of the care areas. I just happened to walk by and see this sign somebody had made. They had put it over the wash basin area. It was a colorful sign with large letters on it that said, "Germ Farm." Beneath those letters was the picture of a hand on which there were all kinds of weird and scary, germ-looking little creatures. Beneath the hand written in large letters it said, "Scrub-um." I guess if all of us stopped and thought hard enough and long enough about the hundreds, maybe thousands of places our hands touch and are exposed to germs, we would all become a germ phobic.

As I looked at this display with all of the creepy crawly creatures on it, I instantly thought back over the few minutes leading up to that moment. I thought about all of the places that I had been, the hands I had shaken, the doors for which I had reached, the counters at which I had waited, the dime that I had picked up in the parking garage, and the pen that I had picked up at a business and signed a document. I begin to get a little queasy myself. With all of the super hype about H1N1 flu, the regular flu, and everything else that you can pick up and get choked up about, the imagery of the Germ Farm was a little more than I needed. I have not been able to erase it from my brain.

Of course, the point of the poster was to use soap, water, time, and scrubbing power to knock off some of the little beasts that are growing on your hands. It is important to try to practice those kinds of protective hygiene maneuvers. Sometimes I think to myself it is a lost cause because about the time you get washed up, cleaned up, and almost germless you turn right



Directions

Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

around and there is another contaminant, or the few germs that are still there begin to reproduce so quickly that the farm is back in business.

The studious mind and clear logic tell you that doing something about the Germ Farm — scrubbing-um effectively — does make a difference. Maybe that was the kind of thing that John had in mind when he spoke to believers in his first epistle. He instructed us in the fact that, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

In all reality, our hearts can be a sin farm.

As you think about it, even though we are washed and cleansed by the blood of the Lamb, there are things everywhere you turn that you may touch and may touch you that infect and affect you. It is amazing that if you are not careful, the little small things in our lives begin to grow, reproduce, enlarge, and not only make us sick, but we tend to spread the contamination of our sin. Sin, like the flu or any other highly contagious disease, tends to affect those around us.

It is not unusual to hear someone defending their right

to do whatever it is they are doing, even if it is called sin, because it is not hurting anyone. It is their life, their body, their mind, their emotions, and they can do what they want to do. The problem is that there may not be any sin that remains totally isolated. It always contaminates others. Knowingly or unknowingly, seen or unseen it is there. It does not matter what the sin is. It may be something that folks would describe as gross and despicable and it will affect others, or it may be something that seems to be more benign

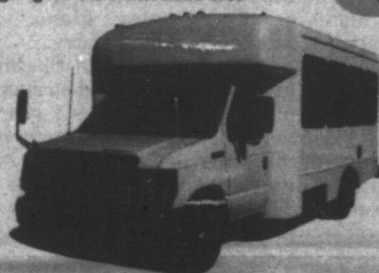
like a rotten attitude or a reluctance to follow the Lord. Well friend, that can be so detrimental as it impacts others in a family or a congregation.

I would argue that there is no such thing as sin that affects only one person. I was recently listening to a pastor who was telling about his own personal devotional life as he begins the day talking to the Lord. That conversation in prayer each morning was an appeal to the Lord to cleanse him and keep him clean throughout the day. He, like many of us, recognized that the pathway through the day in this old world is filled with infection. Apart from the grace of and the cleansing of our Lord, we become walking, talking, thinking, and interacting sin farms that affect others and us. May each of us be cleansed and renewed by the grace and power of Jesus!

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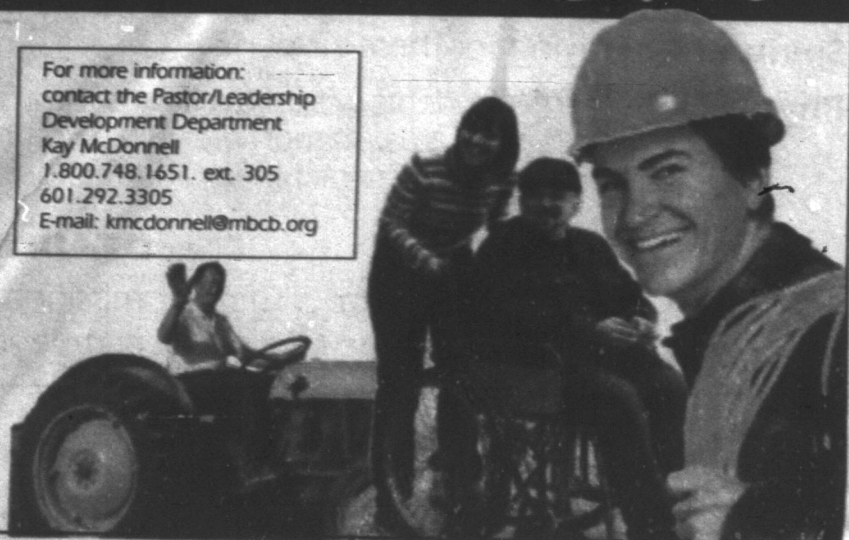


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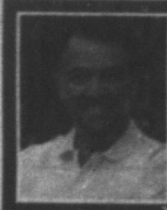
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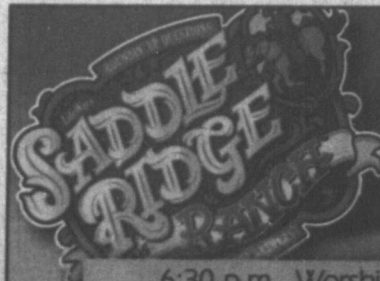
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University ministry blossoms through missionary

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (Special) — Mike McQuitty has almost always seen himself as a missionary. He gave his life to Christ at the age of six. In high school, he realized he loved ministry work and especially missions.

"In college I served as a summer missionary in Colorado and Russia. While in seminary at Southwestern, I served in youth ministry and then collegiate work for three years at University Baptist Church in Fort Worth," McQuitty said. "Through these experiences, my heart for missions and college students continued to grow."

As McQuitty thought through ministry career options, he was drawn to campus ministry because he sees it as missions work. "The college years are a time when young people are making the decisions that will shape the rest of their lives, yet often it is a time when faith is put on a shelf."

"You have literally thousands of students gathered in one place where we're able to repeatedly expose them to the Gospel and the transformative power of the Holy Spirit that comes through a relationship with Jesus. That's an amazing opportunity."

McQuitty is one of more than 5,300 missionaries in the United States, Canada, and their territories supported by the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) for North American Missions and the Cooperative Program. The 2010 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering's goal is \$70 million, 100% of which benefits missionaries like McQuitty.

When McQuitty graduated

from seminary, he and his wife Vicki began looking for the place where God would have them invest their lives. "We began looking for needs and saw an urgent NAMB Mission Service Corps request to come to the Northeast," he said.

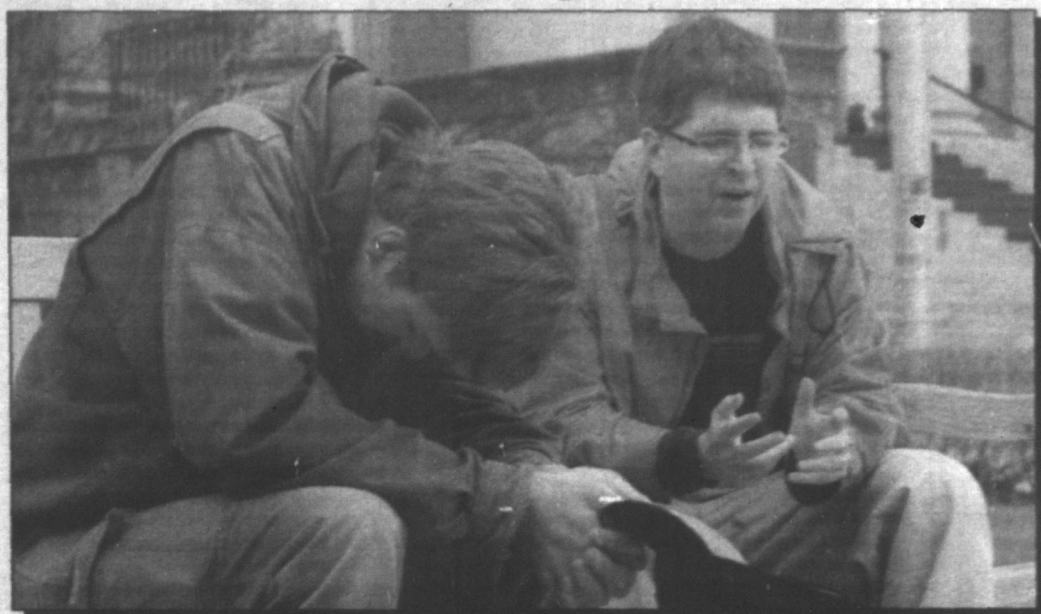
"There were a variety of universities looking for campus ministers and Syracuse University was on the list. We flew up and investigated, prayed, and began to feel God calling us here to central New York to invest our lives."

There had been some campus ministry at Syracuse in the past, but when the McQuittys arrived there was just one student left from the former ministry. "Her name was Alaya," McQuitty recalls. "She had a great heart for God and wanted to see Him do great things on this campus."

Mike, Vicki, and Alaya began with some very simple things: Bible study, discipleship, and all kinds of outreach activities. "A few students began to come and we began to invest our lives in them, and they began to catch a vision for how God could use them to reach not only their peers, but the world with the good news of Christ," McQuitty said.

Today, Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) at Syracuse is thriving. In addition to the original activities, the BCM has added a large group gathering on Tuesdays that includes a free lunch. Mike and the students also go out each week to share their faith. They hold a prayer meeting every morning plus a worship service on Sundays.

"God is moving here," McQuitty said. "A lot of students



WINNING SOULS — North American Mission Board missionary Mike McQuitty (right) spends time praying with a student on the campus of Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y., sharing the Gospel with students who don't know Christ and discipling believers. (NAMB photo)

are beginning to get involved in ministry and we are seeing lives changed."

One of those changed lives is Mayelin Nolasco, who began coming to the BCM with her roommate. "My first impression was that these people were very serious about their faith," Nolasco said. "They weren't in it just for show — they were earnestly seeking God. I'd never experienced anything like that before."

"It took about a year, but I'd gotten to know Christ pretty well and I knew I wanted to pursue a relationship with Him," she said. Through the church that was born out of the BCM, Nolasco gave her life to Christ.

"I enjoy worship and I feel like I can go on campus and speak to my pastor," she said. "That's something that's really made a difference for me. With all the

stress from work and classes, it's good to have a Christian support system on campus."

The birth of a church was something McQuitty never expected. "There was a great hesitancy because it's not like any church I've ever been a part of," he said.

After much prayer and consultation with area pastors, McQuitty and the students felt God confirm they should become a church. Many of the students became members and the church has begun to flourish and grow.

"It's a bit peculiar," McQuitty said. "Most of the members are between 18-22 years old. Yet, it's exciting. The students serve in all the roles of the church. They have a great passion to both know God and make Him known."

McQuitty feels a church on campus is important because a

college campus is much like a mission field. Students have their own culture and lifestyle isolated around the university. Students feel comfortable coming to a church on campus and bringing their lost friends.

"So many of these students have never heard about a God who loves them and sent His son to be the sacrifice for their sins," McQuitty said. "They don't know that they can have a meaningful relationship with God now and for eternity, but they're usually pretty open to hearing about that."

"I just really believe that if God would grab hold of one generation, that set of students would be able to reach their parents, grandparents, and their children and grandchildren, and the entire north-east region of the nation would be changed."

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Psalm 139:13-14

Pray for Joe, a missionary with the IMB, who has been a great friend to Mississippi, as he is stateside and looking ahead to an assignment to a new area of ministry.

Lakeshore BC, Cicero, NY, needs finances and more volunteer construction teams to complete the renovation of a building for their permanent church building. Pray that MS-Baptists will continue to help complete the renovation in the next few months.

Terry Sharp serves as the liaisons to state conventions from the IMB. Pray for Terry and his wife, Kathy, who is seriously ill. Terry often needs to travel for his job. Pray for healing for Kathy and pray for Terry as it is hard to travel and be away from Kathy.

Pray for follow-up in northern Thailand from evangelistic golf seminars that helped local Christians connect with non-Christian Thai people over the sport of golf!

R and ML, IMB missionaries from Mississippi, are returning to the US for stateside assignment. Pray for their time here and pray for them as they prepare to return back to their field of service.

Pray for "Ignite," FBC, Columbus, 26th-28th. "Ignite" is a missions weekender for teenage girls, grades 7-12, and their leaders (WMU).

Pray for a team from Midway BC, Meridian, and they work among the deaf in Paraguay to conduct Vacation Bible School training, Mar. 26-Apr. 3.

Pray for believers in Bangladesh and northern India as increased violence toward Christians has led to the death of dear Christian leaders in those areas.

Pray for Elliott Sneed and a new church plant in Greece, NY, that is seen as very strategic by the Fingerlakes Baptist Association in NY state.

EASTER
Pray that believers will want to live pure lives as they look forward to the coming of Jesus. Pray that they will be ready so that they will not be ashamed at His coming.

Continue to pray for multiple relief efforts in Chile and Haiti. Pray for the health and strength of the workers. Pray for an openness to the gospel in both countries. Pray for God to rebuke the forces of Satan in Haiti who have enslaved so many there in witchcraft.

Pray for Blue Mountain College as it seeks volunteers to come and do renovations to several student housing buildings on campus.

Pray for Pastor Denise as he leads a Bhutanese church in Rochester, NY. Pray for an openness to the gospel among this people group. Pray for God to raise up Bhutanese believers to go back to their country as missionaries.

Pray for Milma Lee Truax, who is originally from Newton, Miss., as she transitions from her ministry in Ukraine back to life in the U.S.

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HOUSE TOPS

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

When Worship Dishonors God

I Corinthians 11:17-22; 33-34

By Marion D. Duncan

He drew a circle that shut me out—Rebel, heretic, thing to flout—But love and I had the wit to win—We drew a circle that took him in.

Paul instructed the Corinthian Christians that among as diverse a group as they were, there were bound to be "differences of opinions so that it may become clear which of you are of tried and sterling quality." (Barclay) However, this diversity should have become a wealth of knowledge and experience valuable to the church as it got to know and understand each other, sympathizing and communicating and remaining in fellowship.

The early church was the one place in the entire ancient world where social divisions (caste system in place) were completely ignored. Free men

and slaves, Greeks and barbarians, Jews and Gentiles, Roman citizens and lesser without law, and the cultured and ignorant all gathered together in true fellowship. About these early Christians congregations, a great church historian wrote: "Within their own limits they had solved almost by the way the social problem which baffled Rome and baffles Europe still. They had lifted woman to her rightful place, restored the dignity of labour, abolished beggary, and drawn the sting of slavery. The secret of the revolution is that the selfishness of race and class was forgotten in the Supper of the Lord, and a new basis for society found in love of the visible image of God in men for whom Christ died."

Since the first letter to the Corinthians was written prior to any of the gospels—about A.



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was brought by individuals. Each contributed as he was able. This lovely custom, observed in the early church as the Agape or Love Feast, was followed by sharing in the Lord's Supper.

The New Testament word for fellowship refers to "a shared life in Christ," an inclusive term including brothers and sisters in Christ. True fellowship of this kind should permeate our entire church life today. "A church is essentially a spiritual organism, and worship is its life and breath." (Dean)

The scripture indicates that the church at Corinth had lost the spirit of fellowship in the Love Feast and Lord's Supper.

Paul described the scene of their gathering together as one, not for the purpose of the Lord's Supper, but one in which each person cared only about himself, eating without waiting until everyone was present. Then, because of the lack of discipline and respect for the meal by some, others remained hungry. Some were even drunk from their overindulgence.

To emphasize the true meaning of their sharing the Love Feast and the Lord's Supper, Paul questioned them. "Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you for this? Certainly not!" (v. 22)

Paul gave detailed explanation to the brothers in verses 23-32 for new understanding of the most sacred act of worship—the Lord's Supper—and every occasion of worship. He described lovingly how Christ shared the first supper with his disciples and commanded them to do this "so that you

will remember me." But, Christ warned that no man should come to the table "unworthily" to take part in this sacred act. This phrase addressed a man's coming to the table without realizing what the sacred symbols stand for and what they mean, having no sense of the greatness of the thing he did, no appreciation of the sanctity of it. It also had reference to the rebuke Paul had given for the broken fellowship between believers and coming to the supper before this variance with a brother had been resolved. The Church of Scotland invites to the Table those who are "in love and charity" with their neighbors.

The unfortunate happenings and words of discipline were not to destroy the brothers, but to bring them back into the right way. In closing, Paul encouraged his brothers at Corinth to gather in the right spirit of love and fellowship—not for nourishing the body, but from a shared life in Christ.

Duncan is a member of First Church, Macon.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Persevering Faith

Exodus 13:17 - 15:21

By Shelby Hazzard

Following Where God Directs
— Ex 13:17-18

The final plague caused Pharaoh to force the Israelites out of Egypt. Approximately 600,000 men, plus women, children and livestock traveled about 30 miles from Ramses to Succoth loaded with unleavened bread, articles of silver, gold and clothing plundered from the Egyptians.

God did not lead them directly across the coastline of the Sinai Peninsula on the Way of the Philistines. He led them on the desert road near the Red Sea, a southeasterly direction toward Mt. Sinai in the southern region of the peninsula, a difficult area to pinpoint on modern maps.

God will most likely not take us the easiest way. Matthew 7:13-14 - (13) "Enter through

the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. (14) But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life and only a few find it.

Standing Firm When Fears Arise - Ex 14:9-14

The presence of the Lord guided them by a "pillar of fire" at night and a "pillar of smoke," in the day. To mislead Pharaoh into thinking that the Israelites were wandering aimlessly in the desert, the Lord suddenly changes their direction north, toward Migdol.

The Lord would harden Pharaoh's heart as before, causing him to reconsider his decision. Realizing they had lost the bulk of their labor force, Pharaoh dispatches his war machine, over 600 chariots and officers, to pursue Israel.



Hazzard

It is very easy as comfortable Christians to retreat at the first sign of conflict, doubting God's presence and power. We are not called to a life of comfort, ease and material prosperity, we are called to stand firm in the faith, as Stephen stood firm unto death (Acts 7:60).

Obedying What God Commands - Ex 14:15-18

As the terror of the Egyptian army consumed the Israelites, God commanded them to move. God told Moses to "raise his staff and stretch out his hand over the water, so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground." He would harden the hearts of Egypt, and cause them to walk into a death trap,

The Egyptians overtook Israel at Pi Hahiroth and they cried out to Moses and God in desperation. Moses replied, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today." (14:13, NIV)

saving the Israelites, and bringing glory to Himself.

Notice the requirement for man's obedience in this crisis. It was God that hardened Pharaoh and parted the sea, but the Israelites had to obey God and cross the sea to escape.

One of the major problems in the modern church is selective obedience to the Word of God. We will herald all the passages regarding forgiveness and grace and avoid those concerning discipline and accountability. 1 John 5:3-4 - (3) This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, (4) for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

Attesting What God Accomplishes - Ex 14:31

The angel of God and pillar of cloud moved behind Israel, protecting them from Egypt as they prepared to cross the Sea. During the night, the Lord divided the waters into walls with a strong east wind which also dried the seabed. The

Israelites crossed with walls of water on both sides while the Egyptians pursued them. Near the end of the night, the Lord caused the Egyptians to be thrown into confusion while the walls of water collapsed on top of them, killing them all.

"And when the Israelites saw the great power the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant" (Ex 14:31, NIV). When God has done wonderful things for us, they are meant to be shared for encouragement. It is as Paul said in 2 Corinthians 1:6-7 - (6) If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer.

What has God accomplished in your life that you need to share? Are you a true believer with a testimony, or do you have a form of religion but denying its power?

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1. Trinity Church, Petal

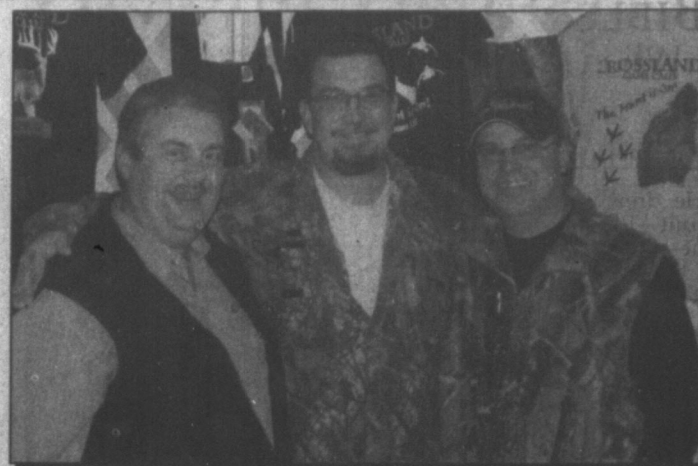
1. Trinity Church, Petal, ordained Paul Spell as youth minister Feb. 14. Shown are pastor Cecil Hathorn, Monica Spell and Spell.

2. New Prospect Church, Oxford, licensed Stacy Watkins to the gospel ministry Mar. 14. Shown are Angie White, pastor Ken White, Watkins, and Martha Watkins.

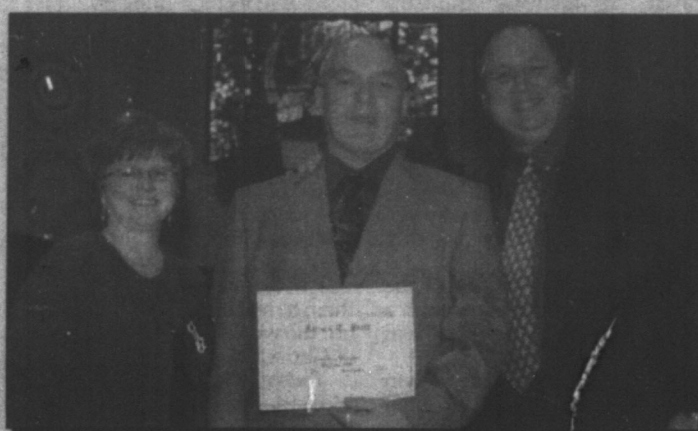
3. Antioch Church, Union, hosted a wild game supper Feb. 27. There were five professions of faith. Shown are pastor Ray Spence with Crossland Game Calls' Gene Hoyt and David Fortenberry.

4. Zion Hill Church, Wesson, ordained Tommy Hall Feb. 21. Shown are Cindy Hall, Hall, and pastor Tom McCormick.

5. Shiloh Church, Carroll-Montgomery Association, will host the Revelations Quartet Mar. 28, 11 a.m., followed by fellowship lunch. A love offering will be received. Doug Warren, pastor.



3. Antioch Church, Union



4. Zion Hill Church, Wesson

REVIVALS AND HOMECOMINGS

1. Immanuel Church, Natchez: Revival, Apr. 11 - 14; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Steve Purvis, speaker; Dan Brister, music; Roy Tidwell, pastor.
2. New Home Church, Smith Association: Revival, Mar. 28 - 31; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; James Messer, speaker; Bill and Nancy Collins, music; Norris Ables, pastor.
3. Beacon Church, Hattiesburg: Revival, Mar. 28 - 31; Sun., 11 a.m.; Mon. - Wed., 6 p.m.; Phil Cooper, speaker; Matthew Burgess, music.
4. Concord Church, Booneville: Revival, Apr. 11 - 14; Sun., fellowship meal, 6 p.m.; 7 p.m. nightly; Richie Hatcher, speaker; Robert E. Walker, pastor.
5. Grace Church, Philadelphia: Revival, Mar. 28 - 31, 7 p.m.; music, Steve and Becky Carver; pastor Chester Carisle, speaker.

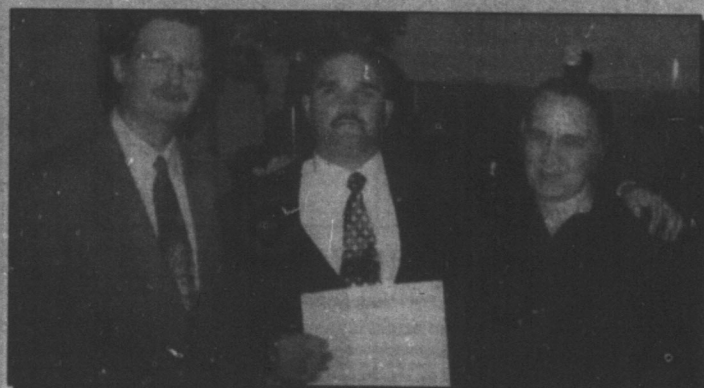
COLLEGE NEWS

1. Biblical software company executive Richard Perry, the vice president of business development for WORDsearch Corporation in Austin, Tex., will be the keynote speaker at the annual Blue Mountain College Ministerial Alumni Day on March 26. Mike Weaver, pastor of Woodland Church in Pontotoc and president of the BMC Ministerial Alumni Association, will deliver the message at the college's bi-weekly 10 a.m. chapel service, and the 2010 Travis Scholarship Recipients will be announced. Following an alumni luncheon, Perry will deliver the keynote address.
2. Blue Mountain College will hold a one-day summer literacy conference for teachers June 11. The conference lasts from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Cost is \$30 prior to Mar. 26 and \$40 thereafter. Jo Prather and Bridgette Davis, speakers. For more information, contact the BMC Department of Education at (662) 635-4771, ext. 238 or email jharrington@bmc.edu.

1. Hurley Church, Hurley, has called Wade Ivey as pastor. He comes with his wife, Francine and children Reagan, Peyton, and Gracen. He is a native of Grand Bay, Ala., and received degrees from Mobile College, Baylor University, and New Orleans Seminary. He holds a PhD from Trinity University, London, England. He has served churches in North Carolina, Texas, Alabama, and Mississippi.
2. Trinity Church, Pearl, has ordained and has called Duane Jones as youth minister. Shown are pastor Kenny Goff, Jones, and Judy Jones.



1. The Iveys



2. Goff and the Joneses

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2. Concord Church, Booneville

1. **Freedom Christian Fellowship, Escatawpa**, will be hosting the Escatawpa Block Party for the local community Mar. 27. 1 p.m. Featured performers and entertainers will be Musical Ventriloquist Lee Pitts with Nicky, God's Little Talking Tree and Christian recording artist, Jacob Blue. The event will have available free food, games of all sorts, inflatables, and entertainment by other various local artists. For more information call (228) 475-2747 or visit www.Welcome2Freedom.org. Dean Smith, pastor.

2. **The Brotherhood of Concord Church, Booneville**, recently presented DeWayne Morgan a certificate for being selected as Honorary Man of the Year. Morgan, who lost his leg in an automobile and motorcycle accident, was the guest speaker on the church's Baptist Men's Day. Shown are Lyle Bullock and Morgan.

3. The drama group of **Sunrise Church, Carthage**, presented its first puppet performance Mar. 14. Shown are Grace Addy, Candice Barrett, Kayleigh Savell, and Summer Martin.

4. **Furrs Church, Pontotoc**, ordained Ralph Reece and Billy King as deacons Feb. 28. Shown are Mike King, Reece, King, Bill Malone, and pastor Steve Cohea.

5. **Branch Church, Scott County**, hosted Scott County Missions Day Mar. 13. Children, 1st - 6th grades, completed a study on the North American Mission Board. Guest speakers were Allen and Cecilia Tisdale; eight churches represented with 58 attending. Shown are some of the participants.

6. **Shelton Church, Moselle**, held dedication services for their new education building Mar. 7. Shown are H.D. Smith, pastor Charles Brady, Retha Williams, Donald Rawson, and Seth Bryant.

7. **Mt. Olive Church, Baldwyn**, will present The Passion Play Apr. 3-4, 7 p.m.

8. **North Long Beach Church, Long Beach**, recently held a dedication service for their new multipurpose building, including a fellowship and dining hall, kitchen, pantry, bathroom, and Sunday School classrooms. The 4050 square food building was completed with much of the labor supplied by church members and volunteers.

9. A Life Group (Sunday School class) of **Broadmoor Church, Madison**, has been instrumental in promoting the movie, *The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry*. The group has contacted other groups, forwarded e-mails, put up posters, and sold tickets. Over 1200 decisions for the Lord have been made nationwide due to the movie. For more information, visit www.sperrymovie.com.



6. Shelton Church, Moselle



3. Sunrise Church, Carthage



4. Furrs Church, Pontotoc



5. Scott County Missions Day



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